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MARGINAL COLUMN

By ARTHUR SAUL, Editor

THERE is little doubt that the proposal of Mr. Y. Abba-Mor, to introduce a bill into the Knesset for a referendum on the constitution, is doomed to failure. The most it can hope to do is to serve as a catalyst for the debate on the future of the state.

The proposal is a good one, and it is a pity that it is being introduced at this time. The Knesset is a body of men, and it is not a body of ideas. It is a body of men who are interested in their own interests, and it is not a body of men who are interested in the interests of the state.

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International Co-op Seminar Opened

By MARK NEGAL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The flags of many African and Asian nations flew proudly with that of Israel over the Habimah Theatre on Thursday night, as a conference of statesmen, diplomats and leaders of all sections of the labour and co-operative movement gathered to celebrate the festive opening of the first Afro-Asian seminar on co-operation.

In his message to the seminar, the Prime Minister spoke of "this meeting of brothers — for in our eyes all peoples from all the ends of the earth are brothers — which will be of benefit to us no less than to them." Among the audience were diplomats from all the Western nations, as well as a representative of the L.L.O. Yugoslavians were the only Eastern European state to be represented.

Cabinet Ministers at the ceremony were Mr. Meir, and Messrs. Namir, Sapir, Shitrit, Naphthali, Bar-Yehuda and Agranat.

Knesset Members of the three labour parties, including Deputy Speaker Mrs. B. Idelson, were among the gathering, as well as the entire leadership of the Histadrut and co-operative movement led by Histadrut Secretary General Mr. P. Lavon. The last sat in front of the speakers' platform, which was brightly lit with klieg lights as movie and cameramen photographed the brightly-dressed participants in the seminar.

The highlight of the evening was the moment when, at the conclusion of the speeches, all the delegates rose and sang the seminar anthem — "Hebrews Shalom Aleichem." ("We have brought you peace") to a delighted audience which immediately took up the refrain.

Representing 6500. "We have with us here representatives of the labour people either liberated or in the process of attaining their independence," Mr. Lavon said. "We are here to discuss the problems of the labour movement, and to discuss the problems of the labour movement, and to discuss the problems of the labour movement."

Elath Confers With Selwyn Lloyd

LONDON (INA). — The Israeli Ambassador, Mr. Eliahu Elath, on Thursday afternoon conferred with Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd. The meeting was at the request of Mr. Elath and no communiqué was issued by either side.

LIFE OF JESUS TO BE FILMED IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK (Reuter). — The Hollywood director, George Stevens, has been signed to film the Greek story "The Gospel of John," depicting the life of Jesus. It will be filmed in the Holy Land and will start late next year or early 1960.

Arrest Order for Shadmi Refused

TEL AVIV. — The President of the Special Military Court, which is to try Aluf-Mishne Isaac Shadmi for murder in connection with the Kafr Kasim incident, on Thursday evening refused the prosecution request that he be placed under open arrest.

Yugoslav Expert Dies Of Radiation Burns

PARIS. — Six Yugoslav scientists affected by radiation after an accident at a Belgrade nuclear research centre, were in a hospital here on Thursday unaware of the death of a seventh research worker who came to France with them last month.

THE CURIE HOSPITAL to which they came for treatment confirmed that the dead man, a technician named Varnic, aged 24, was flown after dying of a haemorrhage, to Belgrade on Wednesday.

Dag Trying To Find Formula For Refugees

By JESSE KEEL LEMKE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS. — The refugee debate passed its half-way mark on Thursday. Thirty-two speakers have been heard with 17 more on the list. With two seminars scheduled on Friday, the speakers' list should soon be exhausted.

Meanwhile, the real work of hammering out a resolution acceptable to the Arabs, Israel and the U.S. goes on outside the committee chambers, mainly in the Secretary-General's office. From adopting resolutions the substance of which is "Let Dag do it," such as last summer's Special Assembly resolution, the U.N. has now progressed to "Let Dag draft the resolution."

Mr. Hammarskjöld has been almost continuously conferring with the Arabs, Israelis, Americans and others, trying to arrive at a formula which would get the State Department "off the hook." The resolution must satisfy Congress in trying to do something to reduce relief costs while assuring the Arabs that relief will not actually be reduced.

Of the 47 speeches already made in the special Political Committee and still on the list, the majority are from members of the Asian, African and Slav blocs.

Absent Friends

On Wednesday, for instance, Japan, Pakistan, Jordan, Greece and Israel were heard, while on Thursday morning, Panama, Malaysia, Morocco, Bulgaria and Canada spoke.

The ratio of three or four Asians to one non-Asian is typical for all sessions. Long-time friends of Israel, such as Uruguay, are notable by their absence from the list.

Canada and France, who have usually supported Israel, are also absent. Long-time friends of Israel, such as Uruguay, are notable by their absence from the list.

At the conclusion of the second day of the revival of "Cry the Beloved Country."

U.K. Not to Control Coloured Immigration

LONDON (Reuter). — The Government made it clear on Wednesday night that it would make no move to control immigration from the Commonwealth to solve the problem of racial discrimination in Britain. But it reiterated that it was considering taking powers to deport immigrants who were criminals.

These points were given to the House of Lords by Lord Perth, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, and Lord Chesham, a Lord-in-Waiting, in a joint ministerial debate on colour prejudice and violence.

JERUSALEM CHILD KILLED BY TRUCK

A two-year-old girl was run over and killed by a truck on Thursday morning in Jerusalem. The child, Dalia Bat-Yehuda, was playing near her home, in Rehov Yehuda, in the Bikhara quarter, when she was run over by a Tova truck driven by Avraham Ben-Zion, 34, of Jerusalem, who was put under arrest.

In Givatayim on Thursday evening, 11-year-old Yitzhak Gail, of Rehov Hamahaneh, was injured by a jeep when crossing Rehov Katzenelson. He was taken to Tel HaShomer hospital. The driver was from Kfar Saba.

Iraqi Rulers Boycott France

BAGHDAD (Reuter). — The Iraqi Government decided on Thursday to boycott France, according to a report in the daily newspaper of the Istiklal party.

It said Government departments had been told not to deal with French firms and not to import French goods.

Iraq severed diplomatic relations with France at the time of the Suez crisis in 1956. Since the Iraqi revolution last July, Iraq has not been allowed to operate here.

Hussein Escorts Mother's Plane

AMMAN (Reuter). — King Hussein flew one of the jets patrolling the Syrian-Jordan border on Thursday, and escorted the plane bringing his mother from Beirut across Syrian territory.

As the Queen-mother Zein's plane crossed the border, the Jordan planes wheeled along-side and dipped their wings in salute, and then escorted her to Amman Airport.

The King's Vampire jet landed first. Hussein dressed in flying kit, waited alone at the runway for his mother.

Both embraced and congratulated her on her safe return from a European holiday.

The Minister for National Guidance, Abdul Monim Rifai, one of a four-man delegation which went to Beirut to meet the Queen-mother, said on arrival that the flight over Syria was without incident.

With the Queen-mother was Crown Prince Mohammed and two young princesses — three-year-old Aliya, the King's daughter, and her eight-year-old sister, Basma.

The safe arrival of the royal party, who travelled in a chartered commercial airliner, is seen here as a cancellation of the November 10 agreement in which Syrian fighters "bused" Hussein's plane.

Khartoum Junta Reduces Rents

KHARTOUM (UPI). — Gen. Ibrahim Abboud's military junta decreed Thursday that reduction of rents will be its first major policy move.

A cabinet committee was formed to decide on concrete reductions which will take effect on December 1. Priority will be given to domestic affairs. Rent cuts will be a particularly popular move among townsmen of Khartoum. Rents have been driven up since the Sudan won independence in 1956, mostly by the sudden demand for space by military occupation have disappeared. Only small guard detachments remained at the power station, fuel depots and other public utility installations.

In Cairo, the Omdurman radio broadcast attacking British "imperialism" was Wednesday's biggest political sensation. Observers noted that Egyptian officials in private conversations were pressing confidence in Gen. Abboud's nationalism and his desire for friendly relations with the U.A.R.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Reports reaching Addis Ababa Thursday night said the Imam of Ye-men had fallen from his horse while riding to the streets of Ta'izz and was carried into the palace unconscious. There were rumors that he had died of his injuries. Some of the reports said he had been shot.

Syrians Attack Hulata With Mortar Fire

Jerusalem Post Staff

A Syrian Army post early Thursday evening opened mortar, machinegun and rifle fire at the Hulata Bridge and Hulata settlement, the Army spokesman announced. There were no Israeli casualties.

The Foreign Ministry reports that the fire, which was concentrated chiefly in the Hulata area, was of the heavy Syrian attack of just two weeks previously, lasted for about an hour.

Fire from watchmen failed attempts made by Syrians during the evening to remove the markers laid earlier this week by Israel to distinguish Hulata, which is now about to be ploughed, from Parcel Five, also in Israel territory but which has been worked by Syrians. The Syrians were this time driven back by fire from watchmen.

Explosions were heard in the Hulata area during the evening.

On Wednesday morning, a Syrian mine was found inside Israel territory near Kibbutz Dan, which is on the Syrian border in the far north. The Army spokesman said that examination of the mine, which was dismantled in the presence of U.N. observers, had been laid some time within the last fortnight. It was of the Italian type made in Egypt.

Mrs. Doran's Funeral in Jaffa Today

The British Embassy has announced that Mrs. Mary Joyce Doran is to be buried in Rehov Bat-Yam, Jaffa, at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon (today).

Mrs. Doran, wife of the British Air Attache, was murdered on Monday by Syrians close to the border where the River Jordan enters Lake Kinneret.

The U.N. spokesman in Jerusalem told The Jerusalem Post that the U.N. investigators' report on the murder of Mrs. Doran will be submitted to the Foreign Ministry on Friday.

In Cairo on Wednesday night, the UAR Information chief denied Syrian responsibility for Mrs. Doran's death. The British Foreign Office spokesman said until receipt of the results of the Mixed Arbitration Commission investigation.

The police probe into the murder, which was discovered only on Wednesday morning, has revealed that Mrs. Doran had been warned by farmers working in the neighbourhood not to approach the border. It is assumed that she also passed by a warning sign posted two days before.

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Russia Presents Plan For Ending Berlin Occupation

US Strives to Keep Geneva Talks Alive

GENEVA. — The U.S. called an emergency, secret meeting on Thursday to keep the Big Three nuclear test talks from collapsing. The morning's session on prevention of surprise attack emphasized the disagreement between East and West.

Czech Deputy Foreign Minister Jiri Hajek told the meeting that the Communists were willing to discuss controls against surprise attacks, but only for "specific measures."

Although he did not say so specifically, his mention of Europe appeared to be a reference to Berlin.

Mr. Spak sounded his warning in a major speech to legislators of the NATO conference here.

British Intensify Anti-EOKA Drive

NICOSIA (Reuter). — British security forces on Thursday continued a search for EOKA members in North and West Cyprus which is so far reported to have netted more than 50 suspects.

A senior officer said the troops were "in tremendous form after the killing of Matsis," the EOKA commander in Northern Cyprus, who was hunted down and killed on Wednesday.

Army headquarters announced that Matsis was buried inside Nicosia Central Prison early Thursday morning according to rites of the Greek Orthodox Church.

At U.N. Headquarters, the Political Committee is expected to debate a new British resolution on Cyprus on Monday. It urged the General Assembly to back British efforts to solve the Cyprus problem and invited Greece and Turkey to cooperate.

Gen. Massu Leads Attack on Rebels

ALGIERS (Reuter). — French paratroops and infantry led personally by Gen. Jacques Massu on Thursday launched the third day of an all-out attack on strong insurgent units in the Palestro area 60 kms. south-west of Algiers.

Fifteen battalions of French forces are reported to be taking part in the operation in rugged mountainous areas where the elusive insurgent chief, Amrouche, generally operates. A three-pronged movement of French troops, supported by strong air units, is converging on Palestro, combing each valley.

U.S. officials, meanwhile, emphasized that the U.S. is firmly determined to resist with "stern measures" any Communist efforts to force the Western Big Three to abandon their sector of the old German capital.

An authoritative source said that the U.S. has "stand-by plans" to meet any situation that may arise, and that these had been discussed with the other countries directly concerned.

US Determined To Resist 'Sternly'

WASHINGTON (UPI). — President Eisenhower met with the National Security Council on Thursday and it was considered virtually certain that the Berlin crisis, and the possible counter-moves by the Allies, was the principal subject discussed at the 90-minute meeting.

The NATO parliamentary conference in Paris unanimously approved a resolution calling on NATO governments to reject Russian moves to hand over the Soviet sector of Berlin to East German Government control. It urged the Western powers to exercise their rights and discharge their obligations in Berlin.

The resolution said that the Russian suggestion, if carried out, would amount to a "flagrant unilateral renunciation" of international agreements.

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Today's Postbages

The Weather

FORECAST: Fair and dry. Outlook: Fair and dry. No change. Weather Synopsis: A high pressure system still prevailing over Europe and causing an easterly flow of dry air in this region.

ARRIVALS

Dr. Robert H. Chapman, Resident Architect and Advisor to the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, arrived from a trip to Europe.

DEPARTURES

Mr. Isaac Hamlin, Director of the American Histrut Center, for the U.S. to resume his duties on the Technion staff.

A DISCUSSION

on whether capital punishment should be reintroduced in Israel will take place at the Z.A. House in Tel Aviv at 8:30 tonight (Friday) between Dr. Herzl Berger, M.K. (Mapai), Dr. Y. Bader, M.K. (Herut), Dr. Hanan Rubin, M.K. (Mapai), and Dr. S. Perlmutter (G.Z.). Mr. Shim'on Samet will be moderator.

THE ANNUAL

jumble sale of the Haifa Working Mothers' Federation will be opened at Beitlen on Saturday evening.

Herut Union's Merger

With Histadrut Shelved

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The proposal to merge Herut's National Federation of Labour with the Histadrut has been shelved until after next year's elections, The Jerusalem Post learned on Thursday.

Mapai Groups to Close

Ranks at Unity Meeting

A meeting of various groups within Mapai is to be convened at the Kfar Yarak agricultural school, near Tel Aviv, on Saturday, with the aim of strengthening party unity and the election year approaches.

Cargoes, Stowaways

Unloaded at Eilat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

EILAT. — Two German vessels, the Schroeder and the Pelion, which ply the Eilat-West Africa route, put into harbour here on Thursday, providing welcome employment for workless stowaways, and a good one who stowed away aboard one of the ships here early in September.

Mr. Adolf Liechtenbayn

our warmest congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

The Staff of International Bookellers Ltd. Tel Aviv.

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Treasury for More Difference In Quality Between Cigarettes

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Treasury has suggested to cigarette manufacturers that they make the cheaper brands less attractive, it was learned in Jerusalem on Thursday. This is part of the Treasury's effort to persuade the public to go back to buying the more expensive brands which are taxed more heavily.

Customers Snap Up Tuna Fish

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The first trial consignment of a ton of frozen tuna fish was taken from the Supermarket on Thursday here at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, and within half an hour 100 kilograms had been sold.

Because of the almost negligible difference in quality, a significant number of smokers switched to lower-priced brands when the excise tax on the more expensive cigarettes was raised last August. At the time, the Treasury had hoped to achieve a double purpose — to reduce the price of cheap cigarettes and to increase the cost-of-living index and to increase excise revenue from the sale of expensive brands.

However, the plan backfired. On the one hand, Excise statistics showed that since only 30 per cent of cigarettes sold were in the cheaper category, the rise in price of the more expensive brands would have to enter into their calculations. On the other hand, the public's tastes changed in favour of the cheaper brands till almost half all smokers were buying the cheaper kind.

In an attempt to reduce the price differential between the two grades, the Treasury last week raised the tax on the cheaper brand. The public's slowness in switching back to more expensive brands prompted the Ministry to make its appeal on Thursday.

While the manufacturers feel the tax will benefit from a return to the higher-priced cigarettes, they are sceptical of the Treasury's handling of the matter. Some feel that the experience of one week is hardly conclusive and would prefer to let things stand as they are for at least three months.

Balogh Scotches Holiday Cut For Haboker 'Report'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Dr. Thomas Balogh, the British economist, has described an alleged report written by him to the Government recently in "Haboker" as "scandalous and a complete distortion of my opinions".

He stated this in a letter just received by the Governor of the Bank of Israel who had asked Dr. Balogh to confirm whether such a report existed. Dr. Balogh was here in July as coordinator of the Mediterranean Project of the Food and Agriculture Organization to evaluate the needs of the area and the possibilities of mutual help.

Writing from Oxford this week, the British economist replied that no report whatsoever had been issued by him or by the Government, and that he had never seen a copy of the report, since Israel had been one of the countries chosen to prepare its own report.

This Israeli report, of which he had received a preview, he described as "looking most impressive", adding that he would send his tentative and partial suggestions after giving it his careful attention.

What Excerpts Said According to "excerpts" from the alleged report published in the General Zionist daily and the source of which is given as "T.N." expert in the field, Dr. Balogh had complained of obstruction by technocrats, the misdirection of funds to serve social and economic preferences, and Prime Minister Ben-Gurion's recent endorsement of the existing state of economic affairs.

Dr. Balogh, who was sent a translation of the "Haboker" article by Dr. Horowitz, declared, "There is not a shadow of a topic on which my report or a topic on which my report does not differ from my opinions."

This is especially true of the kibbutz and its relation to the moshav, he stated. Dr. Balogh asserted that "every statement made in the article is a distortion of the truth, and is distorted to give an anti-Government bias."

What has presumably happened, he goes on, is that someone had got a hold of scraps of a note written by him to a friend in Rome and completely distorted its tenor. "I have, for instance, written with highest admiration for Mr. Ben-Gurion and liked him to Moses who led his people through the Red Sea, whereas the article says that he is afraid of a cold shower as regards economic matters."

Dr. Balogh closes by asking whether he should give assurances officially, or "leave the matter to die its own putrid death."

MAU MAU. — Two interrogators, charged with beating a Mau Mau detainee to death, were sentenced to 10 years in prison and a third to 15 years for murder but found guilty of manslaughter at Nairobi, Kenya.

Kupat Holim MD's Accept Reforms

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Council of Kupat Holim's physicians on Thursday voted for implementation of the reforms in clinic following long discussions.

The Council voted 24 to six, with 11 abstentions, to introduce a family doctor panel scheme for the 1,200,000 persons under Kupat Holim care.

At the outset of the meeting, a minority proposal was put forward calling for a postponement of the reforms until a national conference of doctors could decide on the issue. This proposal was rejected by 36 votes to 15.

The Council empowered its executive to appoint members to a joint management-doctor committee charged with implementing the reforms.

The new panel scheme will affect Kupat Holim's 921 clinics and involve 1,500 medical personnel.

The Council also accepted the new wage proposals of the Namir committee.

Radio Journal Put Off Till after Elections

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The publication of the proposed radio journal has been shelved till after next summer's elections, The Prime Minister's Office (under which Kol Yisrael falls) has approved the postponement.

Mr. Hanoch Givon, Deputy Director of the Israel Broadcasting Services, told The Jerusalem Post on Thursday.

The postponement was decided on due to the political controversy over the possible use of the magazine for party ends, he said. Even though listeners continually write to Kol Yisrael stressing the need for a radio journal, it was thought that publication now would be more harmful than beneficial, he added.

Mr. Givon said that the IL2 increase in the radio licence fee this year had been decided on before the election, and that the magazine had arisen. The additional revenue, which would have helped meet the operating costs during the first year of publication, had been estimated at about IL300,000 — had been utilized for various programme extensions and improvements, he said.

If the journal, which would have had its own income from advertising, had materialized by now, as originally planned, the licence increase would not have been allocated to it. But the real reason for the higher fee was that since last year Kol Yisrael had been made economically autonomous, and had to pay its own way, he said.

Cotton Season Ending; Yield Disappointing

BEERSHEBA. — The Otakim cotton gin will close down this season's operations next week after having produced some 1,800 tons of fibre (including 600 tons of seed) in 3,200 bales.

While the area planted in cotton this year in the Negev was 20 per cent more than in 1957, the yield is several hundred tons less. A meeting has been called of cotton farmers at Otakim next week to try and pin down the reason for the poor harvest.

Meanwhile, additional machinery worth IL70,000 has been ordered in America for the cotton gin, which during the season never operated at more than 60 per cent capacity.

Bank Clerk Admits Embezzling

A former clerk of Barclays Bank in Jerusalem on Thursday admitted in the Jerusalem District Court to embezzling about \$100,000 while he was employed in the bank.

He sold the foreign currency on the black market, pocketed the profit, and then deposited the equivalent of the foreign currency at the National Bank. Some of the profit, said the clerk, was shared with an accomplice, Yehuda Nahmias, manager of the Leonard Williams Travel Agency in Jerusalem.

The Court will pass sentence Friday morning on Natfali, who admitted to 196 offences against the law.

The Attorney General's office said the accused bank clerk was stealing on a steady basis, with only brief interruptions, several months after starting work at Barclays branch at Allenby Square. The offences were committed between August 1956 and the end of last year, Natfali was detained in February and after a short term of release on bail he was re-arrested in the middle of March.

Dividing the charges into three general sections, the Assistant District Attorney said the accused stole more than \$40,000 and \$160 which he received from Nahmias (whose agency is a representative of the Th. Cook & Sons travel agency in Israel). Nahmias, who is said to have had no part, the accused said he persuaded his superiors at the bank to sign bank drafts, claiming that he had to transfer the

Fund Raising On Haifa Quay

The 12 members of the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal Auxiliary Mission from Toronto on Thursday night staged a fund-raising rally on the quay in Haifa while waiting for the arrival of the Arza, an immigrant ship.

During the two hours that the ship's arrival was delayed, the 12 men doubled their 1958 IL14 pledges. Mr. Noel Zeldin, showing the way with an increase from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

They had been in the country only two days.

Canadian Appeal Group Calls for Special Fund

The United Israel Appeal mission from Canada unanimously adopted a resolution on Thursday calling for a special fund to help finance immigration and the absorption of a new wave of newcomers from East Europe.

Concluding a 10-day tour of the country, the 19-member mission also resolved to give the renewed contributions to the Appeal. The resolutions were read out at a farewell dinner held in the King David Hotel.

(Similar resolutions were adopted earlier this month by a United Jewish Appeal Study Mission from the U.S.)

The delegation was addressed by Mr. L. Eshkol, Finance Minister, Mr. E. Dobkin, Chairman of the Keren Hayesod Presidium, and Mr. Abraham Harman of the Jewish Agency Executive.

The delegation is leaving for Canada this morning.

Citrus Exports Face Strong Competition

LYDDA AIRPORT. — Under present conditions, Israeli citrus faces a tough, uphill fight to hold its own on the European market this winter.

Mr. Zvi Inakshon, of the Citrus Marketing Board, said here on arrival by Swissair from Zurich that the citrus market in Europe at the head of C.M.B. mission investigating marketing prospects.

He pointed out that Mediterranean area countries have begun to market their bumper crop of citrus, 400,000 tons more than last year. In addition, the European apple harvest of more than four million tons will prove serious competition to citrus.

Mr. Inakshon said that the C.M.B. mission succeeded with difficulty in getting into the market, leaving more than seven million to be sold on consignment. He declared that the growers' export premium equivalent to that granted in quality and packing materials with European citrus.

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Acro Police Search For Missing Tot

ACRE. — Acre police are searching for Hassan Khoury, 2½, of Mityla Village in Western Galilee, who has been missing from his home since early Thursday.

They were ordered to stand by for the search when the child's absence was reported at 6:30 in the evening. Hassan, a chubby boy, was last seen combing the fields near the village.

Hanna left to go for a walk with his five-year-old brother at noon. The older boy came home alone at nightfall, and his parents immediately notified the police.

SBABO TO PLAY IN TEL AVIV TODAY

TEL AVIV. — The Hungarian chessmaster, Laszlo Szabo, who was runner up in the recent international chess tournament, will play a simultaneous game at the Lasker Chess Club in Tel Aviv on Friday evening. On Saturday morning he will arrive at Holon and in the afternoon at Givat Brenner.

DORAN

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kilometres from the border. The post mortem completed on Thursday night showed that Mrs. Doran had been killed on Monday by three bullet wounds in the neck and one in the chest fired from an undetermined distance. There were no other signs of violence on the body, the report said, according to a police official.

The examination was conducted at the Leopold Greenberg Institute for Forensic Medicine in Jaffa by its director, Dr. Y. Karpel.

On Friday, nun and employees of the Italian Hospice on the Mt. of the Beatitudes, where Mrs. Doran had been staying and which she left on Monday morning for her fatal walk, are to be questioned by the police.

The Syrian position, from which her murderers showed and to which they later returned, is close by the site of another Syrian post razed by the Israel Defence Forces in a retaliatory raid in 1956.

The area is often plagued by Syrians crossing the Jordan River into Israel. Local farmers believe a lot of the danger can be eliminated by the establishment of a settlement facing Tel Mutella.

Agricultural Council Favours Renewing Marketing Pacts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Agricultural Council, an advisory body representing all sections of farming, on Thursday, approved the renewal of marketing planning agreements for vegetables and eggs.

The agreements were drawn up to ensure steady supply. Mr. Kadish Lun, the Minister of Agriculture, declared, but although they had resulted in plentiful year-round supplies, surplus had not been eliminated.

Mr. Z. Taour, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, pointed out that 11 per cent of the tomato crop had been dumped or sold as fodder. Even with 6 months' credit and a minimum price guarantee, industry had not absorbed large quantities, he said.

While the tomato yield had increased by 54 per cent in the period from April to September, compared with the same period last year, consumption had risen by only seven per cent.

Mr. Taour proposed excluding cabbage and egg production from the renewed agreement, and reducing the acreage under certain varieties, including tomatoes, onions and cucumbers, in accordance with past experience.

The Government was reviewing a proposal to extend the price agreement to grade B produce from all grades. Mr. Taour said potatoes should continue to be included in the agreement in spite of difficulties. Consumption this year had fallen by 15 per cent, possibly as a result of the abolition of seasonal subsidies, he said.

Strike of Grade 6 Workers Lashed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Civil Servants Association on Thursday night denounced the spokesmen of the Grade 6 civil servants. "We know of no organisation of civil servants based on the grades," The Jerusalem Post was told.

The representatives of the grade 6 civil servants recently discussed their problems with the Association's leadership and were told that their problem would be dealt with, but that there was no point in taking up problems on a grade basis.

"It is therefore a misrepresentation to say that the Association refuses to represent workers in Grades," the Association said.

The Association categorised the action as a breach of discipline and called on members to eschew such tactics.

161859 Wins IL30,000

TEL AVIV. — Number 161859 won IL30,000 in the Mifal Hapais drawing on Thursday. Number 130453 won IL10,000. The following numbers won IL1,000: 022234, 069756, 249781, 080228, 219054.

In the additional lottery, number 693854 won IL10,000. Ticket numbers ending in 378 and 850 get IL20; numbers ending in 182, 257, 699 and 924 get IL10; and numbers ending in 1, 5, and 3 get IL2.

In the additional lottery, all tickets ending in 515 win IL10.

The following numbers won flats: 250644 — Jerusalem; 118105 — Haifa; 282532 — Holon; 231016 — Beisan; 186105 — Tel Aviv; 142723 — Jaffa; and 117324 — Haifa.

Acro Police Search For Missing Tot

ACRE. — Acre police are searching for Hassan Khoury, 2½, of Mityla Village in Western Galilee, who has been missing from his home since early Thursday.

They were ordered to stand by for the search when the child's absence was reported at 6:30 in the evening. Hassan, a chubby boy, was last seen combing the fields near the village.

Hanna left to go for a walk with his five-year-old brother at noon. The older boy came home alone at nightfall, and his parents immediately notified the police.

SBABO TO PLAY IN TEL AVIV TODAY

TEL AVIV. — The Hungarian chessmaster, Laszlo Szabo, who was runner up in the recent international chess tournament, will play a simultaneous game at the Lasker Chess Club in Tel Aviv on Friday evening. On Saturday morning he will arrive at Holon and in the afternoon at Givat Brenner.

DORAN

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kilometres from the border. The post mortem completed on Thursday night showed that Mrs. Doran had been killed on Monday by three bullet wounds in the neck and one in the chest fired from an undetermined distance. There were no other signs of violence on the body, the report said, according to a police official.

The examination was conducted at the Leopold Greenberg Institute for Forensic Medicine in Jaffa by its director, Dr. Y. Karpel.

On Friday, nun and employees of the Italian Hospice on the Mt. of the Beatitudes, where Mrs. Doran had been staying and which she left on Monday morning for her fatal walk, are to be questioned by the police.

The Syrian position, from which her murderers showed and to which they later returned, is close by the site of another Syrian post razed by the Israel Defence Forces in a retaliatory raid in 1956.

The area is often plagued by Syrians crossing the Jordan River into Israel. Local farmers believe a lot of the danger can be eliminated by the establishment of a settlement facing Tel Mutella.

Mystery Fainting Wave in Factory

TEL AVIV. — Six women employees at a can factory in Yaf Elihu were taken to Magen David Adom, Tel Aviv, on Thursday after they fainted at their work benches. All of them were in a weakened state and suffered from congestion of the respiratory tract.

They were later taken for treatment to Hadassah Hospital, but are not in a dangerous condition.

The cause of the fainting spells, which have plagued the Metal Packing Company factory for the past three days, has not yet been definitely established.

A Tel Aviv District Police spokesman said an investigation has revealed a gas leak which apparently was responsible for the fainting.

In the meantime all work there has been halted.

Of the plant's 50 employees, 30 are women. There were 10 cases of fainting on Tuesday and Wednesday when the gas company was called in to check the pipes. None of the men has been affected.

Mr. David Saperstein, one of the owners, told that District Health inspectors had visited the plant but found nothing which might have been responsible for the outbreak.

PROMISE. — The Czech Communist Party's Central Committee on Thursday promised wage increases, higher old age pensions and family allowances, and a drive to provide homes for all by 1970, in a letter published in all newspapers.

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Cables in Brief

FRIST. — Enrico Mattei, chief of Italy's state-run oil corporation, on Thursday launched the first Italian nuclear power plant in a reclaimed swamp near Rome, which is to supply enough electricity for the power needs of a city of two million people. It is expected to go into operation in 1962.

IRA. — An arms cache said to be destined for the Irish Republican Army was found in a police raid on a house in New York. Police arrested Harry Barrett, 61-year-old Irish immigrant, and five of his eight sons.

DESTROYER. — Sir Abdul-lah Salim Sabah, Sheikh of Kuwait, is expected to buy the 1,175-ton British destroyer or Brimstone for his private use, the London "Daily Express" reports. The destroyer was completed in 1943.

Moses Hess To Be Reburied in Israel

COLOGNE (INA). — The remains of Moses Hess are to be exhumed from the local cemetery and will be removed to Israel on April 6 next year.

Hess (1812-1875) wrote in 1862 one of the first Zionist works, "Rome and Jerusalem." He was also one of the first advocates of a United States of Europe.

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THE bold and realistic American insistence, before the Special U.N. Committee, that UNRWA really be STONE wound up in 1960 and a WALL be found for the refugee problem may well bring out the true elements of the question — if it is too much to hope for a way out, Israel has made a major contribution by removing all prior conditions for the compensation of the refugees, reasonable as the demands in the past for peace talks and cessation of the Arab boycott must certainly were. By now it is clear that for the refugees themselves rehabilitation and settlement in the Arab lands in familiar surroundings, is the only acceptable solution, quite aside from the obvious threat to Israel's security that would clearly result from a mass return — not to mention the refugees' mass disillusionment finding themselves in an entirely changed and much more closely populated Jewish state.

Apart from the irresponsible intransigence of rabble-rousers like Ahmed Shukairi, one would have thought that most of the Arab states involved would have realized by now that settlement of the refugees and their absorption was in their interest, and the fact that this is not the case is a further indication of their political irrationality and social unrest. Different states face different problems, but absorption is the best way out for each. The Lebanese are anxious to maintain the delicate balance between the Christian and Moslem sections of their population, and have therefore refused to grant citizenship to the refugees who are mainly Moslems. Nevertheless, though the lack of civil rights results in the refugees being paid less than the Lebanese wage in the Lebanon, all intents and purposes those capable of working and able to find work are employed.

In Jordan, integration has of course gone furthest, and it does not seem unreasonable to assume that if funds were made available for large-scale settlement of the refugees, this would take place, for there, more than anywhere else, the need for political stability is appreciated by King Hussein and his government. Jordan's subjection to the subversive machinations of Nasserism might also incline her to take a less conformist and more rational position.

One can never foretell whether funds for the rehabilitation and settlement of the refugees in Arab lands would actually be made available for such a purpose, and one would certainly expect some safeguards and strict supervision to be set up in connection with any such scheme, for if the American Congress objects to pouring millions down a bottomless pit, the abuse or diversion of funds for actual resettlement would be an equally serious matter. If the money disappeared and the refugees received no benefit, the present pressure would be able to use the U.N. for some restoration of their previous privileges. A census of the refugees, one of the measures now being recommended, could very well put another face on the problem by considerably reducing the number of refugees now still dependent on aid. The violence of the opposition to such a census is a measure of its necessity. And the scope and value of Jewish property left behind or seized in Arab lands — which may well be sizable indeed — must also be taken into account.

However, any step toward a solution, both the American initiative or the Israeli proposal, is ultimately dependent upon the enlightened acceptance of the Arab host countries. Israel's previous attempts, such as the freezing of bank deposit box contents and the absorption of 35,000 refugees who returned through the reunion of families scheme, have been disregarded and have only encountered a stone wall of Arab intransigence. By now certain factors have crystallized: Israel is here to stay, and it has become clear that the refugees cannot be settled here. The U.S. has made an important gesture towards Israel in the decision to fund the resettlement of the refugees. Will the Arabs meet the challenge?

Letter from Paris

'Vote for Me' in France

I HAVE already attended several election meetings. It is amazing how professional politicians manage to speak for hours on end without ever saying anything new. That must take a lifetime of practice. Only the jokes are unfamiliar — if you happen never to have heard them before. The first one I remember was the story told by the Conservative ex-Minister, who, besides representing the interests of high finance, acts as the champion of oppressed countrymen: their protection is his hobby, as it were. To illustrate the need for an overhaul of the civil service, he recounted the tale of his unsuccessful attempt to place a young woman *courtesan* as caretaker of the lavatory in the Paris opera-house. "She came behind the curtain and offered to the public in endless layers of publicity wrapping; and the others, who are on their own or belong to a feeble splinter-group or new-fangled faction, and who have to do their own barking. There is a profusion of independents and nonconformists this time. They have come forward in the belief that the electorate will prefer the unknown hazard of fresh blood to the familiar blight of old."

Faith in Premier

All, however, with the sole exception of the Communists and the Fascists, vie with each other in ardent professions of faith in de Gaulle. Gaullism has grown into a religion, at least for the duration of the hustings, and Left, Right and Centre are divided into many sects, each claiming to be the one and only true interpreter of the divine will.

Tonight we are in the 17th district — one of the best quarters, fashionable quarters — of Paris. I have been to other meetings where the audience did not make up a nucleus. This is in the flesh and there are fur coats worth a fortune. The candidate is Jean Dutoit, an author. In his books he is an "angry young man" in the flesh and all polish and smiles and handsome enough to go on the stage as a great lover. His election posters carry a parody from the pen of André Maurois. He is presented here by a fellow writer.

He was born 38 years ago in this very district, this is his "native asphalt." At 20 he was mobilized for the Second World War, became a straggler in the runaway French army, was taken prisoner, escaped, organized one of the major Resistance networks, was arrested by the Gestapo, was sentenced to death, escaped again, and survived to denounce in his works the folly, cowardice, greed and baseness of his compatriots who appreciate and bought his books by the hundreds of thousands and rewarded him with high literary honours.

Left Ivory Tower

Jean Dutoit speaks. He explains why he left the "ivory tower" of art for the rough-and-tumble of politics. In 1936 he published a half-descriptive, half-philosophical book, "Les Taxis de la Marine" in which he compared the ingenuity of the 1940 *dede* with the 1914 epic when Parisians piled into taxis to hurl themselves victoriously against the German army which was advancing on the capital from the nearby river Marne. His thesis was that intelligence, when worshipped for its own sake, is useless unless it has a sense of social solidarity, a national purpose, a humanist

ideal. Character, honesty, steadfastness must come first. A spineless, though clever France was doomed to go under. He expected to be laughed at, or worse ignored. Instead he received hundreds of letters, one or two insulting, the rest full of enthusiasm. He gained the conviction that France was waiting for a courageous, high-minded leader to emerge from the wilderness whither men of worth had been banished by the ruling mediocrities.

Chat With de Gaulle

He was invited by de Gaulle for a chat about "Les Taxis de la Marine" at this encounter Jean Dutoit came along with knowledge that the former Resistance leader who had once saved French honours could and must do so again. After de Gaulle's return to power, Jean Dutoit felt impelled to join the Republican Reform movement, the "Leftist" Gaullist Party, and he wanted to carry on in Parliament the good fight for the renovation of France. He owed it to his children to help build a better France which was alone capable of saving the world as well as herself from impending disaster.

A loud-roaring heckler got up. Why, he demanded, did the candidate denigrate the May 13 uprising of the Algerian settlers? Why did Jean Dutoit want to abandon Algeria? Why did he not stand down in favour of his opponent who was a true patriot?

Amid repeated interruptions Jean Dutoit answered. The May 13 revolt, he said, because it had overthrown a corrupt regime that had brought France to the brink of perdition. After the object had been achieved, however, after de Gaulle's accession to power, there must be no more mutinies and no tampering with democracy. As for the future of Algeria, integration — a word which de Gaulle had refused to utter — was an "absurd idea" because the Moslems could not become just like Alsacians, any more than Alsacians could become just like Moslems or Algerians. On the other hand, Dutoit added, there could be no question of secession, which would be a catastrophe for the Algerians, a trophe for the French, and a disaster for the world.

The solution, he declared, lay somewhere between the two extremes, on the dual principle enunciated by de Gaulle: recognition of Algeria's own "personality" and its close association with France.

Communist Cog

What of the other candidates in the field? There was the Communist Jean Stur, a "party-cock," the French workers were turning away from Communism, according to Dutoit. Up to 2,000,000 of them had normally voted Communist but he backed de Gaulle in the recent referendum. Whereas in 1956, 150,000 people crowded the Vel d'Hiver Stadium in Paris for the anniversary of the Russian Revolution, in 1957 the figure had dropped to 6,000, and this year it was only 3,500. Obviously, the proletarians who turned away from Communism would not cast their ballot for Right-wing candidates. The Leftist Gaullist movement might appeal to them, he thought.

Concerning the Socialist candidate, Juliette Menard, Jean Dutoit pointed out that his party was very close to the Socialists. Then there was the candidate of the Rightist Gaullists, the Union for the New Republic, Colonel Joseph Broisat. The U.N.R. had telephoned to him

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Economic News from Abroad

Hollywood's Recovery

In the first half of 1958 U.S. cinema attendance increased by 10 per cent over the year before the first year since the war. At the same time, there has been a drop in the average number of hours spent by the average moviegoer. Moreover, commercial sponsors of television programmes have been more selective in their orders, and many companies encountered difficulties.

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THE "Economic and Social Reconstruction Programme"

published by the General Zionist Party is a document which is worth studying. The G.Z. is being the first platform to be published for the coming year, and in a way indicative of the scope and level on which that campaign will be fought.

Coming from an opposition party, the programme can also be seen as a reflection of the moods and wishes of wide sections of the public. Viewed from this aspect, it impresses, above all, by its dynamism, its approach. Gone, apparently are the days when much store could be laid by a slogan like "let us enjoy life in Israel" although the (the Communist cause) people do enjoy life in this country much more than they did four years ago. To be sure, dismantling the controls, thus removing the state bureaucracy and abolishing party rule in economic matters still occupy an important place in the programme (as they should, as a matter of course), but the centre of gravity has shifted to policy issues, with special emphasis on such matters as industrial development, agricultural productivity, exports etc.

Moreover, in some cases the programme does not shrink from being explicit at the risk of offending some vested interests (e.g. currency controls, a curb on carpenteries or gradual abolition of rent control for old houses). The elaborate for whom this programme is intended emerges from it as one more mature and conscious of its responsibility than one would have expected a few years ago. In particular, much more ready to shoulder temporary inconveniences for the sake of solving major national problems (absorption, unemployment, dependence upon foreign aid, etc.), than is often presumed even in official quarters.

The programme's concrete content does not differ from present economic policy, though its precepts tend, naturally, to be somewhat more radical, and its time-table for implementation tighter. This refers not only to such demands as import liberalization or income tax reform, but also to foreign currency decontrol, the abolition of subsidies to veteran farmers, the redistribution of agricultural land that is not efficiently used, the rationalization of basic services, the commercialization of development credits, putting state-controlled enterprises on a sound business basis. Even the broadside directed at state investments in heavy industry is less of a novelty than may seem to the man in the street, though the General Zionists' advocacy of light industries and artisanship deliberately overlooks the economic and social problems and long-term training requirements involved in such a development.

Two points deserve special mention: the programme's wholehearted support of our joining the European Free Trade Area notwithstanding the possible repercussions on domestic industries; and the repeated hints about a realistic adjustment of the Israeli currency, which can hardly mean anything other than a plea for outright devaluation. It is also of interest that the programme has nothing to say about cartels and monopolies in private industry and omits any mention of the new trends in retail trade.

Rather unexpectedly one finds that the programme breaks new ground in other respects, namely advocating a renewed drive for sponsoring producers' co-operatives instead of replacing them by public or semi-public centralized agencies; and in its proposals for a reform of the Histadrut with a view to converting it from an all-embracing national trade union, which devotes special functions and responsibilities to the local bodies, into a federation of independent unions and local shops, which should only engage in activities specifically reserved for the central organs. Obviously this issue is out of place in Knesset elections since the labour union's internal constitution is a matter to be decided by their members alone, but the space devoted to it in the G.Z. programme indicates the extent to which opposition against the Histadrut's centralized constitution has gained ground among professionals and managerial and technical employees, making it a hopeful basis for party propaganda.

The point is also another example of the intricate interrelation between "economic" matters and the whole domestic pattern of social habits and institutions which must prove themselves fit to stand in changing circumstances.

in getting enough bookings for the autumn season. While it is too early to say whether television has already reached a saturation point in the U.S., Hollywood shows clear signs of recovery, mainly due to the improved quality of its films. Several commercial companies recently shown considerable profits as a result of big earnings coupled with stringent cost cutting.

Arwan Dam's Finances

Figures published by the Egyptian authorities suggest that the main difficulty encountered in implementing the Arwan Dam project is not the provision of foreign currency. Though the total cost of the project has been tentatively put at \$1,200m., only \$400m. will have to be spent abroad. The project's first stage, which has just been started, will cost \$250m., including \$100m. in foreign currency, of which amount the Russian loan is to cover the current cost of construction, this heavy expenditure is bound to boost domestic purchasing power, thus increasing the pressure on Egypt's current balance of payments. Besides, the drop in cotton prices.

Europe's Coal Crisis

Continuing imports of American and Polish coal — under long-term contracts concluded during the post-war period — are accounted the main cause of the current coal crisis in Europe; but the authorities concerned admit that the problem is more basic. Imports into the Communist Community countries totalled 44m. tons in 1957, (i.e. 17 per cent of these countries' own output) and may reach 57m. tons in 1958. This consumption, however, is estimated at 40m. tons this year and so pithead stocks have increased to 22m. tons — an important factor in the beginning of the year. There are also 22m. tons of consumer stocks, i.e. altogether nearly 44m. tons. The consumption by last year's standards has dropped in consumption stems not only from the lower level of economic activity but also from the controls imposed on the use of fuel oil, encouraged by lower oil prices and freight rates. As a matter of fact, the British coal industry faces a similar situation. Heavy imports from the U.S. have been stopped. If coal prices are to be reduced the industry will have to be closed and the others reorganized.

Controls Cannot Conquer

The dismantling of controls in Britain coincided with a record surplus in that country's balance of payments and was officially acknowledged as a success. But economists have taken this opportunity to point out the futility of the British government's monetary policy, which they regard it as evidence that the volume of bank credits is no longer the factor that controls wages and prices in modern economy. Also, the credit for Britain's improved balance of payment clearly goes to lower food and material import prices — for export prices remained steady — and to a reversal in the flow of short-term capital, attracted by Britain's high interest rates.

Citrus Growers To Spurn Gov't Terms

Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE citrus growers' section of the Farmers Federation in Tel Aviv today in a fighting mood, due to the Government's refusal to raise the price of citrus fruit, as demanded by the Citrus Marketing Board, and to grant citrus the same export premium as other exports.

The price of \$1.12 per box, plus \$1,200,000 in subsidies for marketing costs, will almost certainly be rejected by the Citrus Marketing Board, and the growers may decide to divert all orange cuts to a lower price, instead of marketing them at a higher price, as suggested by the Government.

On the other hand, little store is set by the proposals made by Mr. A. Dubiner of the Citrus Growers Association, to divert part of the exportable crop to the domestic market. Local consumers will hardly be prepared to pay prices comparable to those likely to be achieved abroad, it is argued.

Stocks Bring Down Butter Price

Jerusalem Post Reporter

UNUVA's decision to lower the price of butter from 400 pruta per 100-gm. packet to 350 pruta, is being met with a mixture of surprise and indignation by local dairies, which should only engage in activities specifically reserved for the central organs. Obviously this issue is out of place in Knesset elections since the labour union's internal constitution is a matter to be decided by their members alone, but the space devoted to it in the G.Z. programme indicates the extent to which opposition against the Histadrut's centralized constitution has gained ground among professionals and managerial and technical employees, making it a hopeful basis for party propaganda.

PEC Dividend Resumed

Steep Climb in Interest Payments

By Our Economic Editor

THE resumption of ordinary dividend payments by the Palestine Electric Corporation — for the first time since 1950 — received less publicity in this country than in Britain, which still remembers the company as a private venture. In Israel, lack of direct investor interest combined with widespread distrust of the financial statements of state industries and with the tradition of considering public services exempt from ordinary business principles, has tended to tone down the "big news".

As a matter of fact, a scrutiny of the company's last balance sheet shows that the profit and loss account is not without blemishes. The reserve for depreciation of assets acquired prior to 1953 has been calculated according to an old rate of exchange (IL200 per £1) which is far below the current rate. It is doubtful whether the old book values reflect present — and future — replacement requirements. The depreciation of assets has been provided by reference to the installed capacity, i.e. no depreciation was provided for that part of the cost which was due to defence considerations. The company's general reserve fund remains at the same level as in 1950, despite money depreciation in the tremendous increase in turnover that has taken place in the meantime. There seems to be some contingent liability in respect of income tax.

Moreover, apart from the long-term effect of future replacement requirements (in which respect several moot points exist), the wisdom of distributing a dividend to the tune of IL13,000 (exclusive of tax) may be doubted from the liquidity point of view at a time when the company's chairman stresses in his annual statement that work on the new power station in the North will proceed according to schedule "if the Corporation succeeds in raising the necessary funds". However, such arguments have apparently been brushed aside by the directors' wish to throw into relief the improvement in the company's financial position, and the company's new management has emphasized their newly-gained adherence to sound business tenets.

Expenditure Soars

Indeed, the PEC's gross revenue increased to IL21.5m. in 1957/58, from IL18.6m. in the preceding year, i.e. a rise of almost a third. Operating expenditure also soared from IL12.2m. to IL14.0m., mainly on account of more expensive fuel oil (IL20.7m. as compared with IL15.7m. in 1956/57), but that is not the whole story. The net profit balance of IL14m. instead of IL13.4m. in 1956/57, and the carry-over from previous years is excluded, the comparison is even more striking: a net profit of over IL1m. compared with a loss of IL431,000.

For the current year, the prospects would appear even more favourable at first sight. The country's consumption of electric current continues to rise by eight to ten per cent annually. The increases in power rates for irrigation and water supply introduced in September 1957 (by an average 22 per cent, except for the Mekorot company) and the increase in the price of electricity (up to 18 per cent, since April last), will be reflected in higher income per unit sold. On the other hand, the price of fuel has risen considerably, and the stock of high-priced fuel has gradually been used up. Moreover, since the new generating units at the Sukrefor plant have been put into operation.

Bill Collection

However, one has to bear in mind that last year's financial results were based on the delayed collection of bills for the last months of 1957. Were this factor, only taken into account, the progress achieved would have been much less impressive, and the net profit perhaps wiped out altogether. Moreover, in connection with the company's interest payments have risen at an astonishing pace: from IL2.7m. in 1956/57 to IL12.5m. in 1957/58 (apart from interest on bonds, and after discount of interest received and sundry income). If interest referring to "capital expenditure" not yet in operation is not taken into account, the respective figures are IL0.9m. and IL2.3m. It is a pity that the PEC chairman, who happens to be the Director-General of the Ministry of Development, did not bother to explain, nor even to mention, these points in his annual statement.

The fact is that the PEC continues to be one of the main recipients of our Development Budget funds, and

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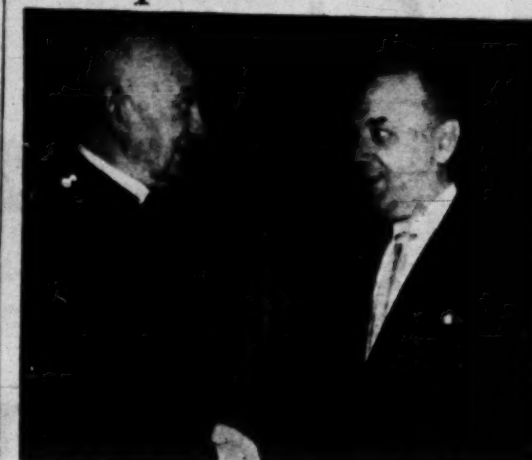
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Bishop Sells Israel Bonds



The Most Reverend Bernard J. Sheil, shown here at the Bonds meeting at his home with Mr. David E. Teicher, Consul-General of Israel in the Midwest, who presented him with a special plaque bearing a map of Israel.

In an outstanding demonstration of support for Israel on the part of a high prelate, The Most Reverend Bernard J. Sheil, Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of the Chicago Archdiocese, recently held a large-scale fund-raising drive on behalf of State of Israel Bonds.

Over half a million dollars' worth of bonds were sold at the meeting, which 41 Catholic, Jewish and Protestant community leaders attended. One of the youngest of the modern states, "Israel has already taught the world a valuable lesson," said the Bishop in welcoming his guests, "— namely, that the security of freedom can rest only on the constancy of sacrifice. Where this is present, democracy becomes a living reality, engaged in unceasing struggle against those forces of ignorance and evil that threaten the very soul of man. We salute Israel on this, the Tenth Anniversary of her entrance into the family of free nations. We pray God that she shall continue to be a challenging symbol of the indomitable spirit of Man and a beacon of hope to all those for whom human freedom remains as yet but a dream and an aspiration."

NEW historic peaks were reached on Wall Street with sentiment cheerful-aided by favourably business news for 1958 and by the end of the year over the advancing tendency nearing an end.

Some Wall Street quarters said that although the Stock Market appeared too high in relation to underlying business earnings and general economic conditions, there were no signs of the advancing tendency nearing an end.

Dow Jones average for 30 Industrials was 567.44 on November 17, as against 561.13 on November 11, and for 20 Rails 156.46 as against 155.61.

Output

THE Potash Company reports a 50-per cent increase in production in the first half of the current fiscal year over the corresponding period last year.

Improvements and more regulated production are expected when the recently constructed Atwood rector is put into use at the works. The American engineer who suggested this is expected to visit Israel later this month.

Higher Dividends, Interest Rates Paid in Ampal

A DIVIDEND of four per cent on common stock that Ampal is declaring by the Israel Development Corporation. The I.D.C. is a subsidiary of Ampal, which is expected to declare again a dividend of five per cent compared with four per cent last year. The Ampal group will thus pay out close to \$100,000.

Tremendous Saving

THE result of this revolution is, as I have said, first, reduction of the labour force by 5,000 or almost 20 per cent; secondly, the saving of some 200 tons of paper a year and much printing; and thirdly, the reduction over the past two years of the prices of the goods sold in all Marks and Spencer stores. But, in spite of this massive economy in staff, not a single employee was dismissed on grounds of redundancy. Vacancies that occurred were not filled; redundant staff were transferred to vacancies in other departments. The revolution was accomplished with no complaints, newspaper criticism or trade union resistance.

As the staff of Marks and Spencer already enjoy wages and working conditions better than those in most other comparable businesses, Marks and Spencer employees feel no urge to join the union. The union organizers have made several attempts to organize M. and S. staff and are allowed by the management freely to visit the stores in company time; but without result.

In spite of its vast size and complexity, M. and S. still retains many of the features of a small family company. The directors know hundreds of their employees by name and sight, their functions and their difficulties. No joint productivity council has ever been formed, necessary as it is so easy for the staff to bring suggestions individually to the management. (There are the usual bonuses for suggestions, as also for service over 25 years.)

Such a happy state of affairs is only possible, when the directors and the top managers are constantly on the job; and where a younger generation is being trained by experience to take over from the older Israel has much to learn from such an example.

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Value of containers for goods received from suppliers was debited to Marks and Spencer. When the containers were returned empty, Marks and Spencer were credited with the cost of the containers. A few empty containers got lost in transit and staff were employed both by Marks and Spencer and by the suppliers to try to reconcile the state of empty containers returned and those received. The value of these containers was so small that Marks and Spencer came to an agreement with their suppliers to abolish all debits, checking and credits, thereby saving staff and paper.

Although it is necessary for proper accountability to have exact figures of sales, rough totals are often good enough as a guide to future policy, giving an indication of the value of goods.

Each store's manager used to keep buyers at headquarters informed of the fortnightly sales of every single article, giving separate details for every colour, every size and every model of the same article (e.g. ladies' briefs are supplied in ten models, in four colours and three sizes, making a total of 120 different entries for just one article). Nowadays, the manager of each of the 237 stores merely gives an indication of those articles (models, colours and sizes) which are selling very well and of which more are required, and those which are not selling at all, or of which no more are required. The amount of clerical labour saved is enormous, in addition to some 2,000,000 forms saved.

It is unnecessary to keep elaborate periodical statistics merely in case someone might want them.

Stocks and Commodities

Mixed Trend in Tel Aviv

THERE was no uniform trend on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. Although the sharp reaction reported in these columns last week quietened down, some offers kept prices in the linked bonds section at their lower levels. Only a few dollar-linked bonds managed to get some support and closed higher than a week earlier. Tavei Dollar went ex-coupon due December 15 and were slightly better. Palestine Electric second preferred (in Sterling) suffered a setback of about 10 points (but recovered by two on Thursday) although in London their price was steady at about nine shillings. Defence premium bonds were about four points lower after the drawing, and probably also on account of the new immigration issue expected shortly. In the ordinary shares section, the situation remains dull; I.L.D.C. Ala and Sudanese lost some ground. Palestine Cold Storage went ex-dividend, paying 4 1/2 per cent net, 4 1/2 per cent gross. Lodia were 3 1/2 per cent higher, while Palestine Brewery went ex-coupon and the price was adjusted accordingly. On the "curb" oil shares were quiet. Milve Amami 1954 and 1955 lost ground (the former after drawing). Housing Loan savings bonds were again in favour and gained some ground. Housing Loan premium bonds remained subdued.

On Thursday, the annual General Meeting of Israel Oil Prospecting Limited accepted a resolution in favour of a merger with Lapidot in order to insure more effective operation and the mobilization of capital abroad, particularly in the U.S.

New York at the New Peaks

Market appeared too high in relation to underlying business earnings and general economic conditions, there were no signs of the advancing tendency nearing an end. Dow Jones average for 30 Industrials was 567.44 on November 17, as against 561.13 on November 11, and for 20 Rails 156.46 as against 155.61.

Output

THE Potash Company reports a 50-per cent increase in production in the first half of the current fiscal year over the corresponding period last year.

Improvements and more regulated production are expected when the recently constructed Atwood rector is put into use at the works. The American engineer who suggested this is expected to visit Israel later this month.

Higher Dividends, Interest Rates Paid in Ampal

A DIVIDEND of four per cent on common stock that Ampal is declaring by the Israel Development Corporation. The I.D.C. is a subsidiary of Ampal, which is expected to declare

